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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2008</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4618).)		Docket Number (Optional) 246472003920	
Application Number                      10/731,432		Filed                      December 10, 2003	
For    INSTRUMENT SET FOR FITTING AN INTERVERTEBRAL JOINT PROSTHESIS			
Art Unit                      3733		Examiner                      R. R. Shaffer	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.			
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
		<b>Fee</b>	<b>Small Entity Fee</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$460	\$230
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1050	\$525
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1640	\$820
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2230	\$1115
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>03-1952</u> <i>I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.</i>		
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>			
I am the	<input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.		
	Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>44,236</u>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.		
	Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____		
<u>Bradley J. Meier</u> Signature		<u>April 30, 2008</u> Date	
<u>Bradley J. Meier</u> Typed or printed name		<u>(703) 760-7700</u> Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.		